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# POLYGAM

A Story of Utah  
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DEADLY DISEASE GERMS  
BEFORE THEY KILL YOU

I Will Give a Course of Treatment Absolutely Free to the First One Thousand Persons Who Write Me, to Prove What I Can Do.

## I PUT OXYGEN INTO YOUR STOMACH

To Purify Your Blood, Destroy the Germs of Disease That Prey Upon Your Life, I Put Artificial Nerve Force Into Your Nerves and Brain to Give You Strength and Power—I Treat You With My Marvelous Psy-Psy Treatment, Too, the Most Powerful Healing Agency Known to Man.

## I HAVE CURED WHERE OTHERS FAILED

My Experience in the Treatment of Chronic Diseases Has Been Extensive and Varied. I Have Been in General Practice since 1880, a U. S. Pension Examiner for a Number of Years, Health Officer and Member of Municipal Board of Health and President of County Medical Society.

## I WILL GIVE YOU A COURSE OF TREATMENT

Without One Cent of Pay. All It Costs You Is a Two-Cent Stamp. A Letter Dropped in the Mail Box Brings You This Wonderful Free Course of Treatment Tomorrow. It Is Truly Astonishing How Quickly and Surely This Remarkable Treatment Will Overcome Deep-Seated Kidney, Liver and Lung Trouble, and Other Dangerous Diseases—Let Me Give You the Proof Free.

My treatment is not a patent medicine, or a cure-all, but it is a treatment that will be prescribed, especially for your particular case after a careful diagnosis of your condition.

True, it will contain oxygen to kill deadly germs that infect your blood and tissues. Oxygen is the life of your blood. It gives vitality to the red blood corpuscles, and fills you with vigor, but it is death to bacteria and disease germs.

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I also use marvelous Psy-Psy Force, which I believe is the most wonderful healing power known to man. This mighty, unseen force of such tremendous potency is a Divine gift within the reach of all, and in years past people who accidentally stumbled on it and employed it were regarded as privileged by the Creator, and their power was considered superior to that of the gods.

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priesthood of God, men who had been through His holy house and had subscribed to the blood-curdling oaths instituted in His holy name and by His holy prophets, refused to place the church before the state; because of the general blackness of men's hearts and the weakness of fair women, Zion fell, and the enemies of God were for a time triumphant.

The Lord grew tired of seeing His prophets questioned; His commandments disobeyed; His revelations unobserved; and His manifold blessings unappreciated. So His terrible wrath became kindled against Zion, and Satan and his emissaries were permitted to encompass the seeming defeat of this great Latter-day work. Salt Lake, the beautiful and verdant "City of the Saints," fell into the hands of the Gentiles, and great was the rejoicing in hell.

Unpardonable gloom came over the saints. Their hearts were sore afflicted, their minds greatly troubled. The glory departed from Zion as in the night time, and the chosen of the Lord, awakened to a realization of their great loss, through sin; and from border to border, in every stake and ward of Zion, there was much sorrow and distress. To paraphrase Jeremiah:

How is the gold become dim! How is the most fine gold changed! The stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street.

Severed from the observance of religious duties.

Chapter four tells about the Mormons being a peculiar people, and also details the taking of a mission and a new wife by Elder Mahard, while at the same time president expounds the Word of the Lord.

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Chapter eight details the wedding of Emma Mahard; the splendid surprise given Elizabeth; how Brother and Sister White brought Lemmie to Zion in order that she might have her endowments in the Lord's house and be improved in health.

### CHAPTER IX.

Because the Lord will have a tried people; because many of the sons and daughters of Zion refused to hearken to the elders; because the saints had been so exceedingly prospered that they grew worldly-minded, and showed a disposition to ape the fashions and customs of Babylon; because many of them failed to live the law of tithing, and others failed to observe the doctrine of plural marriage; because there crept into the church a spirit of criticism, a tendency to question the Lord's anointed and to ask "Why?" and "Where?" when living oracles gave counsel; because the Mormon people continued the use of tea, coffee and tobacco; because of the insane cry that the church should not dominate the state; because men holding the holy

Persecute and destroy them in anger from under the heavens of the Lord.

Deeply beloved, I tell just how it happened, were impossible. For over forty years the saints had ruled in Zion, and the prospect of their even losing their control seemed too remote for serious consideration. We were so strongly entrenched in the municipal government of Ogden and Salt Lake that we felt we owned these cities, and nothing could deprive us of our power therein. And though at each election our supremacy was bitterly contested by the enemies of Zion, organized under the name of the Liberal party, we were always successful. The Lord was always on our side, and the howling of our opponents, the howling of the Gentiles, was heard continuously throughout the land.

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Remember, O Lord, what has come upon us: Consider and behold our reproach.

Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens.

Our necks are under persecution: We labor and have no rest.

Our servants now rule over us: There is none that doth deliver us out of their hands.

Our princes are behind bars: The faces of elders are honored not among us.

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For over forty years the saints had vainly promised themselves that the great and awful day of the Lord was at hand, and that before the enemies of Zion could triumph, the Lord would send destruction upon the face of the earth. In this time the elders preached to the nations the doctrine of "gathering to Zion" to escape the awful judgments of Jehovah which were about to be poured out upon the inhabitants of the earth, and many thousands of the heathen and idolaters in every clime of the old world and gathered to Zion in consequence of that teaching. And now, it had to be admitted there had been a hitch in the programme, and the new order of things had to be changed.

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But I tell you, it is never too late to repent. Let us turn now and acknowledge the hand of the Lord in the afflictions of the saints as well as in the blessings we are accustomed to feel in the high places of our Nation's council chamber. The crawling, the cringing, the retracting and abject pledge-making was all for a wise and glorious purpose, as events since that time have proved.

So long as Utah remained a territory it was impossible for the servants of the Lord to dwell in peace; and so long as we saints lived our religion, it was impossible for Utah to become anything but a territory. See the point? The territory of Utah carved into a sovereign state meant not only a measure of independence for the Latter-day Saints but also a new era of peace and order in the affairs of the Nation. Really, when the gloom of those territorial days is viewed in the light of conditions following statehood, it is entirely dissolved and is a great joy to the ray of hope, the spirit of promise, the glory of inspired wisdom.

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